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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR

1. IVP GRANTEE LYUBEN TONEV WISHES ARRIVE U.S. SECOND HALF OCTOBER, PREFERABLE O/A MON 20 OCT. IS THIS ACCEPTABLE? SECOND CHOICE IS FIRST HALF NOVEMBER. FYI: HE WILL TRAVEL VIA LONDON.

2. PROF. TONEV'S PROGRAM DESIRES EMPHASIZE:

A. STUDIES OF CITY AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING URBAN RENEWAL, WITH EQUAL ATTENTION TO SOCIAL AND TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE WOULD WISH TO VISIT HUD OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS LOCAL/REGIONAL OFFICIALS AND INSTITUTES.

B. UNIVERSITY-LEVEL ARCHITECTURE FACULTIES IN CITIES OTHERWISE ON HIS ITINERARY, TO CONSIDER BOTH TEACHING METHODS (HE IS FULL PROFESSOR AND HAS REGULAR TEACHING DUTIES) AND TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES WITH FACULTY.

C. SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF URBAN PLANNING, WITH WHICH HE HOPES TO DEVELOP EXCHANGES OF LITERATURE AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH.

3. PROF. TONEV'S AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS INCLUDE ALL FORMS OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION WHERE LANGUAGE NOT INVOLVED, SINCE HE DOES NOT KNOW ENGLISH (I.E., ESPECIALLY MUSIC, OPERA, MUSEUMS, BUT
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NOT THEATER.) HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE OF CULTURAL

CENTERS.

4. PROF. TONEV, HONORARY MEMBER OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA), HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AIA PRESIDENT WILLIAM MARSHALL JR. (1735 NEW YORK AVE. NW, WASHINGTON 20006, TEL: 785-7300) AND AIA MEMBERS CHARLES WEISS OF WASHINGTON AND CHARLES DUBOIS OF HARTFORD, CONN., WITH WHOM HE HAS WORKED ON PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR URBAN PLANNING OF INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ARCHITECTS. DUBOIS, FOR EXAMPLE, RECOMMENDED TONEV VISIT WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BOSTON, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA. PROF. TONEV SAID HE ESPECIALLY WISHES TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO, BECAUSE TWO BULGARIAN STUDENTS OF HIS WON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN LATE 1960S TO DESIGN SAN FRANCISCO "MAIN SQUARE."

6. PROF. TONEV WILL NEED INTERPRETER-ESCORT IN FRENCH.

7. COMMENT: GIVEN PROF. TONEV'S EVIDENTLY GOOD CONTACTS IN AIA, CU/PROGRAMMING AGENCY MAY WISH RELY LARGELY UPON AIA HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON TO ADVISE ON OR IN FACT ARRANGE HIS PROGRAM. HE STRONGLY EXPRESSED DESIRE AVOID "TOURIST" ASPECTS OF TRIP, BUT APPRECIATES FACT THAT GRANT IS TO ENABLE HIM TO LEARN ABOUT U.S. IN GENERAL, NOT SOLELY HIS PROFESSIONAL FIELD. HE POINTED OUT THAT ARCHITECTURE MUST REFLECT SOCIETY.

8. REQUEST REPLY TO PARA 1 BY TUES 30 SEPT SO PROF. TONEV AND WE MAY ARRANGE HIS DEPARTURE.
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